

## PEANUT DOOMED BY MEAL MOTH

Information that will be received with tears of regret by the gods of the gallery as well as the fans on the leachers, has been sent out by the Bureau of Agriculture, and it is to be effect that the peanut, that most alatable tuber, will soon be a thing of the past; that its swan song has been prepared, both words and music, by the department and that it will be out a short time until the tragic end will be here. Unless something is done in a couple of years the tuber that made the circus famous will be as rare as the whistling turnip or the tree-climbing potato.

The warning that the peanut may soon pass out of the short list of articles which have not been affected by the high cost of living is not a pessimistic warning that is sent out by the Department of Agriculture to show that the employees are working; it is founded on fact, and it is estimated that this year's peanut trade will fall off to the extent of some million bushels. The trouble is that Indian meal caterpillars are no longer satisfied with the food of their ancestors and have forsaken the weed roots and stems for those of the tuber. Virginia peanut growers have been complaining for years that their crops were getting smaller, but did not know the cause until Secretary Wilson started his investigation and found that the larvae of the moth were feeding on the peanut tubers while the nuts were in the embryo stage and the husks too soft to resist attack.

The warning that the peanut will soon be extinct comes almost on the heels of the prediction that the chestnut will be unknown in America in a few years because of a parasite that is killing the trees, and that the hickory and walnut trees have also been afflicted with a disease that botanists cannot cure with any known remedy.

## MEN KNOCKED DOWN; ONE HURT

NEW YORK, April 22.—Lady Duff-Gordon, who left in one of the last of the Titanic's boats, said that panic had begun to seize some of the remaining passengers by the time her boat was lowered away.

"Every one seemed to be rushing for that boat, nearly the last of all. A few men crowded in and were trampled back at the point of Captain Smith's revolver. Several were felled before order was restored.

"I recall that I was pushed along toward one of the boats and helped in. The boat was lowered part way down the davits. Just as we were about to clear the ship a man made a rush to get aboard and was shot. He was apparently killed instantly and his body fell into the boat at our feet. No one made an effort to move the body and it remained beneath our feet until we were picked up by the Carpathia. I saw bodies in the water in all directions. The poor souls could not have lived long for the water was terribly cold."

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## WOMEN LED IN FEZ MASSACRE

PARIS, April 23.—The massacre at Fez, in which a large number of French officers, soldiers and citizens were killed and wounded, has given rise to considerable criticism of the Government authorities for not foreseeing and preventing it. It is pointed out that the French occupied Fez more than a year ago.

Premier Briand today ordered Eugene Regnault, the French Minister, to investigate the outbreak.

Correspondence of French newspapers at Fez indicate that the plot of the rebels included the massacre of the whole of the French mission, headed by M. Regnault, which recently arrived at the capital to establish the protectorate. This plan failed owing to the impetuosity of the Arabian women to begin the carnage. These women are described in the correspondence as creatures of terrifying appearance, who passed their time in rushing about the streets and torturing the wounded and sometimes aiding the Moorish rebels in their final mutilation and desecration of the victims.

Scenes of awful horror occurred in the Jewish quarter of the city, where the mob murdered, pillaged and burned all the Jews they could find, throwing their bodies from the roofs. Many young girls were carried off to suffer indescribable outrages.

The Jewish quarter was set on fire and three-fourths of it entirely destroyed, rendering over a thousand people homeless.

The complete story of the death of the telegraphers is a narrative of coolness and bravery and the newspapers are comparing their devotion to duty with that of the wireless operators on the Titanic. Although they possessed but one revolver between them, they kept the mob at bay for a considerable time, killing sixteen of the fanatics. At the time one or the other of them was sending dispatches to headquarters at Tangier, telling of the plight of the city. Finally, however, the Arabs tore a hole in the roof, into which they sent a murderous fire and flaming torches, which set fire to the telegraph room.

Three of the telegraphers fell dead, and the fourth turned his revolver on himself rather than fall living into the hands of the Moors. The shot missed and he was later able to escape from the burning building.

## PLANS OF NEW WHITE STAR LINER CHANGED.

LONDON, April 22.—It is understood that the plans of the White Star liner Gigantic, which is now being built at Belfast, and which was to have been 1000 feet in length will be modified. It is probable that the new plans will provide for double-cellular bottoms and sides such as the Mauretania and Lusitania have, as a stipulated condition of receiving the Government subsidy. The Olympic has been provided with forty collapsible boats and will carry sixteen additional lifeboats.

## TO ESTABLISH STEAMER LINE ACROSS PACIFIC.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The Glen and Shire line which runs steamers from English ports to the Far East, will soon establish a transpacific service in connection with the Panama canal, according to information received today from Hongkong by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

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## PLAYED CARDS AS TITANIC SANK

NEW YORK, April 23.—A group of men passengers on the Titanic kept a card game going for three-quarters of an hour after the steamer struck the iceberg, to allay the fears of others, according to George Bradley, one of the first-cabin passengers.

Bradley was playing bridge in a room far aft on the ship and felt only a slight shock from the collision.

Henry B. Harris was in another party in the same room, Bradley said, and left his game to go on deck with Bradley to investigate. Mr. Harris, Bradley said, found his wife, saw her to one of the boats and then came back to the room to which Bradley already had returned.

"He told me there was danger," said Bradley, "but for the sake of the women and children to make no sign. The orchestra struck up 'Alexander's Ragtime Band' and we went on playing cards. There was not a man in the game who did not realize the stake he was playing for; there was not a man who did not know what those musicians were playing for. They played on, played anything they had a mind to and finally struck up 'Nearer, My God, to Thee.'"

"Then we knew that the time had come, and that it was no use to bluff any longer. People crowded around us and watched us play the game out, feeling that there could be no danger. When the old hymn sounded a different feeling possessed them. They knew that it was time to go, if any one of use hoped for a chance to get off the ship."

## LEFT FORTUNE ON SINKING STEAMER.

NEW YORK, April 20.—One of the cabin passengers of the Titanic, Major A. G. Peuchen of Toronto, left more than \$300,000 in money, jewelry and securities in a box in his cabin when he left the ship. He went back to his cabin for the ox, but decided to take instead three oranges.

"The money seemed to be a mere mockery at that time," said the Major today. "The only trinket I saved was a little pin which I remembered had always brought me luck. I picked up the pin and three oranges instead of the money and documents."

Major Peuchen, who is president of the Standard Chemical Company of Canada and vice-commander of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, was thrust into one of the boat by the second officer and ordered to man an oar.

## KAISER'S SON MAY MAKE VISIT TO UNITED STATES.

LONDON, April 23.—The suggestion that Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany is going to the United States is conveyed in a paragraph in today's Times in recording a German deal in Welsh coal which is to be sent to Fayal in the Azores. "It is understood," says the Times, "that the coal is required for German war ships in connection with the visit of the Crown Prince to America."

## TO MANAGE GRAND TRUNK.

MONTREAL, April 20.—Arthur Smithers, chairman of the board of directors of the Grand Trunk Railway, has appointed William Wainwright, senior vice-president of the Grand Trunk, to take temporary charge of the Grand Trunk Railway, following the death of Hays, the president, in the Titanic disaster.



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